

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:138
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EXPENDITURE REFORMS COMMISSION
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether any Expenditure Reforms Commission has been setup in his Ministry to give his recommendations for reducing the existing wasteful expenditure in the Ministry and its departments under his Ministry.
- (b) if so, the composition thereof;
- (c) The details of recommendations made by this Commission so far;
- (d) The details of the recommendations which are yet to be implemented by his Ministry or departments alongwith the reasons for not implementing them till date; and
- (e) The time by which these are likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) and (b): No separate Expenditure Reforms Commission has been set up in Ministry of Civil Aviation. However, the Expenditure Reforms Commission set up by Ministry of Finance has made recommendations in respect of Ministry of Civil Aviation in Part IV of its 10th Report. Composition of the Expenditure Reforms Commission set up by Ministry of Finance is as under:

- i) Shri K.P.Geethakrishnan, Chairman
- ii) Shri V.S.Jafa, Member
- iii) Shri Kirit Parekh, Member
- iv) Shri C.M.Vasudev, Ex-Officio Member
- v) Shri Narayan Valluri, Member Secretary

(c) The recommendations of the Expenditure Reforms Commission in respect of Ministry of Civil Aviation are as under :

1. The proposal for conversion of DGCA into Civil Aviation Authority with full powers and regulations over all aspects of aviation industry should be processed and put in place early. Pending this, action should be initiated for matching recoveries to be raised for meeting the expenditure on DGCA.
2. Recommendations of Staff Inspection Unit in respect of DGCA and BCAS should be implemented.
3. Considering the comfortable financial position of Airports Authority of India, the feasibility of reducing further the draft on Government budgetary support should be explored.
4. Step should be taken to ensure that plan allocations are fully utilized.
5. Urgent action should be taken for phasing out the subsidy on operation of Haj Charters. Pending finalisation of modalities in this regard, the subsidy should be restricted at the present level.
6. The feasibility of private participation in the management as well as financing of IGRUA should be explored. If these efforts do not fructify, the Academy should be closed down with effect from 1.4.2003.
7. The BCAS should not be engaged in executive functions like operation of Bomb Detection & Disposal and Dog Squads. These functions should be entrusted to other agencies like CISF, State Police etc.
8. The question of continuation of Railway Safety under the Ministry of Civil Aviation or its transfer to Ministry of Railways should be settled early.

9. One post of Joint Secretary redeployed from the strength of Ministry of Tourism should be abolished immediately.

10. The present arrangements entrusting additional charge of Chairman & Managing Directors of PSUs to the officers of Ministry of Civil Aviation should be terminated as it could lead to conflict of interest situations in the disinvestment process and in providing a level playing field.

11. Since the post of CMD, Indian Airlines is held by Joint Secretary in the Ministry, it shows that the functions attached to the post of Joint Secretary are not onerous and therefore this post should be abolished.

(d)and(e): The report of the Expenditure Reforms Commission has been received recently; recommendations contained therein are being processed and a final decision thereon is yet to be taken.